THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO.23052 OF 2005

Dated 27th October 2005

Between:

M.M.Goud S/o.Rama Goud & others

…Petitioners

And

The APSRTC, rep. by its Managing Director,

Musheerabad, Hyderabad & another

…Respondents

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O R D E R:

The petitioners are employees of Dubbak Depot of APSRTC. All of them, along with certain others, were issued charge sheet-cum-show cause memo, dated 28.9.2005. It was alleged that the petitioners and certain other employees have resorted to an urgent strike and that the same has resulted in loss of Rs.1,75,748/-. The second respondent proposed to recover the said amount, proportionately, from the concerned employees. Petitioners submitted explanation, dated 5.10.2005. On consideration of the same, the second respondent passed an order dated 14.10.2005, directing recovery of the amount from the petitioners, to be deducted in equal instalments from their salaries. Petitioners challenge the same.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Standing Counsel for the

respondents.

Sri G.Vidya Sagar, learned counsel for the petitioners, had urged several grounds, including the one that the petitioners were not furnished copies of relevant records, to enable them to submit proper explanation. Learned Standing Counsel, on the other hand, submits that except raising certain vague and irrelevant pleas, the petitioners did not offer any valid reason for their misconduct.

It is not in dispute that the order passed by the second respondent is appealable. The petitioners can avail the same. The appellate authority would be in a better position to appreciate the matter from various perspectives. The grievance of the petitioners about the immediate deduction from the salaries can be attended to, by directing that the deduction shall be deferred for a period of one month.

Hence, the writ petition is disposed of, leaving it open to the petitioners to avail the remedy of appeal, within two weeks from today. The orders passed against the petitioners shall not be given effect to, till the disposal of the appeal by the authority, if it is preferred within two weeks, from today. There shall be no order as to costs.

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